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OUTLINE OF SIGNIFICANT EXERCISE

1. Name. LANTPHIBEX 1-62
2. Type. Large scale fleet exercise.
3. Aims. To improve the amphibious capabilities of the US Atlantic Fleet, and to enhance the readiness of the Amphibious Force, US Atlantic Fleet to conduct amphibious operations in support of contingency operations.
4. Brief Outline. This major amphibious operation, culminating in a Marine Division (-) exercise assault on the Island of Vieques, will encompass embarkation in the Virginia/Carolina area; rehearsals in the Onslow beach area; movement to the objective area; defense of the Amphibious Task Force against submarine, air and surface attacks while enroute and in the objective area; advance force operations including mine countermeasures, live naval air and gunfire operations, beach reconnaissance, and removal of beach obstacles; ship-to-shore movement; assault landing; maneuver ashore; and backloading of the Landing Force. All phases after movement to the objective commences will be opposed by aggressor forces. Operations will be conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

6-9 April	Embarkation.
9-13 April	Conduct rehearsal landings.
14 April	Special demonstration (Onslow Beach).
15 April	Commence movement to the objective.
20 April	Commence Advance Force Operations.
23 April	Exercise assault at Vieques (D-Day).
23-26 April	Maneuver ashore.
27 April	Backload.
28-30 April	Visit liberty ports.
1 May	Chop to CJTF 122

5. Geographical Areas. LANTPHIBEX 1-62 Forces will operate in the following areas during the conduct of the exercise:
  - a. Western Atlantic and Caribbean Sea.
  - b. Ports and beaches of Virginia and North Carolina.
  - c. Roosevelt Roads.
  - d. Vieques and Culebra.
  - e. Caribbean liberty ports.

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6. Dates. 5-30 April 1962.

7. Directing Headquarters. Commander Amphibious Force, US Atlantic Fleet (OCE).

8. Participating Commands, Headquarters and Forces (All US).

a. US Navy.

(1) Amphibious Force (6-30 April)

COMPHIBLANT (Commander Amphibious Task Force-CTF 136)  
COMPHIBGRU 4 (Commander First Attack Group-CTG 136.1)  
COMPHIBGRU 2 (Command Exercise Control Group-CTG 44.7)  
COMPHIBRON 4  
COMPHIBRON 10  
COMPHIBRON 12  
NAVBEACHGRU 2  
TACGRU 2  
TACRON 21  
TACRON 22  
BEACH JUMPER UNIT 2  
UDU 2  
39 PHIBLANT SHIPS

(2) Antisubmarine Force (16-30 April)

COMCARDIV 20  
1 CVS

(3) Cruiser Force (16-30 April)

COMCRUDIV 2  
1 CAG

(4) Naval Air Force (16-30 April)

COMCARDIV 4  
1 CVA  
VPRON 16

(5) Destroyer Force (16-30 April)

COMDESRON 6  
COMDESRON 24  
15 Destroyer types

(6) Mine Force (16-30 April)

COMINRON 8  
16 Mine Force ships

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(7) Submarine Force (16-30 April)

COMSUBRON 4  
3 Submarines  
1 APSS

(8) Service Force (16-30 April)

4 ships  
1 CHB

(9) Eastern Sea Frontier (16-30 April)

Mobile Harbor Defense Team 22

(10) MSTS (16-30 April)

1 TAK

b. Fleet Marine Force Atlantic

CG FMFLANT (CTF 137)  
Hdqtrs II MEF  
Force Troops

CG 2nd MARDIV  
2nd MARDIV (-)

CG 2nd MAW  
2nd MAW (-)

c. US Army

1st DUKW Plt/344th Trk Co.

d. US Air Force

198th Interceptor Squadron, US Air National Guard  
(Puerto Rico)

9. Scope of participation anticipated from:

a. Other unified or specified commands.

None

b. Forces under the command or control of the US Military Services. Army Transportation Corps assistance is anticipated in loading and unloading TAK at Sunny Point, NC.

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c. Other Federal Agencies or Departments.

None

d. Allied Nations.

None

10. Political implications.

None expected.

11. Coordination effected with other unified, specified or Service Commands, Government department or agencies, or representatives thereof.

a. Coordination effected with COMCARIBSEAFRON for operating areas, liberty ports, and 198th Interceptor Squadron, PRANG, participation.

b. Coordination effected with Commanding General, US Army Transportation Training Command for 1st DUKW Plt/344th Tnk Company participation.

12. Recommended general policies to be observed in regard to the following:

a. Public information, both within and outside the US.

In view of the scope and locale of the exercise, extensive news coverage is recommended throughout the US and Caribbean area, in order that the intended purpose of LANTPHIBEX 1-62 as a training exercise will be clearly understood.

b. Security restrictions.

Normal peacetime security.

c. Propaganda.

None.

d. Any other unusual elements.

None.

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